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**Subject:** New Publication: A Guide to Maintaining the Historic Character of Your Forest Service Recreation Residence

**To:** Region 6 Archaeologists

Enclosed please find hard copies of a new publication entitled “**A Guide to Maintaining the Historic Character of Your Forest Service Recreation Residence**”. The publication was developed by the Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) in partnership with a team of Forest Service heritage and recreation special uses professionals. It is to assist in administering recreation residence permits with Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The majority of the hard copies of this publication are being sent by the Washington Office to the National Recreation Residence Homeowners’ Association.

Please take the time to read the enclosed copy, and if you received two, then please take one to the employee who administers the Recreational Residence permits on your Forest. I suggest you take the opportunity to discuss with them how this guidance will be used to assist in permit renewal and administration of recreation residences. These national guidelines will be the basis for all future agreements with recreation residence associations in Region 6, and I encourage you to consider amending any existing agreements to reference and conform to these guidelines.

We do not anticipate receiving any additional hard copies. An electronic version of this publication is available to the public at <http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/pubs/pdfpubs/pdf14232815/pdf14232815Pdpi100.pdf>.

In addition to this publication, MTDC developed an optional best management practices template document that can be completed to assist with the maintenance and improvement of historic or contributing recreation residences on your Forest. This template can be accessed on our internal website at [http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/eng/programs/facilities/documents/BestManagementPractices\\_RecRes.docx](http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/eng/programs/facilities/documents/BestManagementPractices_RecRes.docx).

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Enclosure: (A Guide to Maintaining the Historic Character of Your Forest Service Recreation Residence)

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